GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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PRODUCTION OF COCOA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Cocoa is produced in India;

(b) if so, the details of production during each of the last three years, State-wise.

(c) whether the Government exports Cocoa or Cocoa products;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps proposed to increase production and export of Cocoa;

(f) the steps taken to ensure reasonable price for Cocoa to farmers; and g) the details of average price of Cocoa during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The statewise production of cocoa during the last three years has been as follows :-

Quantity in MTs

State	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
Kerala	5800	3500	3800
Karnataka	800	1300	1400
Andhra Pradesh	-	600	700
Tamilnadu	-	Negligible	Negligible
Total	6600	5400	5900

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India

(c) The Government does not export cocoa or cocoa products.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) The Government of India has been implementing a Central Sector Scheme on development of cocoa since the eighth Five Year Plan aimed at, inter-alia, area expansion, distribution of planting materials and rejuvenation of old orchards. The outlay for the scheme during the Eigth Five Year Plan was Rs. 5.00 crores. During the first two years of the Ninth Plan, an assistance of Rs. 130 lakhs have been provided to the State Governments. The outlay for the scheme during the current year is Rs. 50 lakhs and for the Ninth Plan Rs. 6.00 crores.

The Government has been providing assistance for various activities for the promotion of exports of horticulture products including cocoa. These activities include, assistance for conducting feasibility studies, surveys; infrastructure development; promotion of quality and quality control; packaging development; export promotion & market development and training.

g) The average price of cocoa during the last three years has been as follows:

Year	Rs./ per kg.
1996-97	17.50
1997-98	16.70
1998-99	16.00

Source: Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India